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Press Notice

New Members Appointed to Council for Science and Technology/Publication of CST Annual Report

The Prime Minister has appointed 3 new members to the Council for Science and Technology (CST). The appointments represent a range of senior management experience and will strengthen CST's business capability. The CST is the Government's top-level advisory body on science, engineering and technology policy.

The 3 new appointments are:

- Professor Peter Davies
- Professor Alan Gilbert
- Dr Philip Ruffles CBE, FRS, FREng

The Prime Minister also re-appointed the following members:

- Professor Sir John Beringer CBE
- Professor Geoffrey Boulton FRS
- Professor Janet Finch CBE
- Professor Wendy Hall CBE FREng, FCGI
- Dr Hermann Hauser Hon CBE, FREng
- Professor Alan Hughes
- Dr Sue Ion OBE FREng
- Sir Paul Nurse FRS
- Sir Keith Peters FRS, AMS
- Dr Krishnamurty Rajagopal FREng
- Professor Michael Sterling FREng
- Professor Kathy Sykes

- Dr Mark Walport

The Prime Minister also appointed Professor Janet Finch as CST independent co-chair, alongside the Government's Chief Scientific Advisor, Sir David King.

The CST is the UK Government's top-level advisory body on science and technology policy issues. It reports directly to the Prime Minister. CST's remit is to advise the Prime Minister, the First Ministers of Scotland and Wales and the responsible Minister at the Northern Ireland Office on strategic science and technology policy issues that cut across the responsibilities of individual government departments. CST's terms of reference are:

- sustaining and developing science, engineering and technology (SET) in the UK, and promoting international co-operation in SET;
- fostering the practice and perception of SET as an integral part of the culture of the UK;
- promoting excellence in SET education;
- making more effective use of research and scientific advice in the development and delivery of policy and public services across Government; and
- promoting SET-based innovation in business and the public services to promote the sustainable development of the UK economy, the health and quality of life of UK citizens, and global sustainable development.

In developing its advice the Council will take into account the cultural, economic, environmental, ethical and social context of developments in SET.

CST published their 2005/06 Annual Report on 28th February. The report can be found at www.cst.gov.uk

Notes for editors

1. Further details on CST's membership and terms of reference are available from www.cst.gov.uk.
2. The 16 independent members are senior, highly respected people active in the worlds of academia and business, and from charitable sponsors. They were appointed in accordance with the guidance from the

Office of the Commissioner for Public Appointments. Their appointments will run for three years from 1 March 2007.

3. Members are not normally remunerated except for reasonable travel expenses. The independent co-chair may be remunerated at the rate of £205 per day.

4. **Biographical Notes**

Full biographies can be found on CST's website, www.cst.gov.uk

Professor Sir John Beringer CBE

Sir John Beringer was Pro Vice-Chancellor and Professor of Molecular Genetics at the University of Bristol until 2005, chairing the University's Research Committee. He is currently Chair of the John Innes Institute and was Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Releases to the Environment from 1990 to 1999.

Professor Geoffrey Boulton FRS

Professor Geoffrey Boulton is Vice-Principal and Regius Professor of Geology and Mineralogy at the University of Edinburgh. He is currently a member of the Scottish Science Advisory Committee, Chairman of the Research Committee of the League of European Research Universities and of the Royal Society Committee on Energy issues.

Professor Peter Davies

Professor Peter Davies is Chief Economist at BP and an Honorary Professor at The Centre for Energy, Petroleum and Mineral Law and Policy at the University of Dundee. He held posts previously as an economist at Chase Manhattan Bank, The World Bank, the Government of Swaziland (as a Fellow of the Overseas Development Institute) and the University of Warwick.

Professor Janet Finch CBE

Professor Janet Finch is Vice-Chancellor of Keele University, a post that she took up in September 1995. A Sociologist by background, Professor Finch was awarded a CBE in the 1999 New Year's Honours List for services to Social Science. She has been appointed to the post of independent CST co-chair.

Professor Alan Gilbert

Professor Alan Gilbert came to Manchester in February 2004 as President & Vice-Chancellor-elect to plan for the launch of the single University. He

formally took up his duties as President & Vice-Chancellor on 1st October 2004. Professor Gilbert had previously been Vice-Chancellor of the University Melbourne and of the University of Tasmania. An historian, Professor Gilbert received a D.Phil. from Oxford in 1973.

Professor Wendy Hall CBE, FREng, FCGI

Professor Wendy Hall is Professor of Computer Science at the University of Southampton and is Senior Vice President of the Royal Academy of Engineering. She is Vice President of the US Association for Computing Machinery and a member of the Scientific Council of the new European Research Council

Dr Hermann Hauser Hon. CBE

Dr Hermann Hauser is the co-founder of Amadeus Capital Partners Limited. Companies he founded or co-founded include Acorn Computers, Active Book Company, Virata, Net Products, NetChannel, and Cambridge Network Limited. He was awarded an Honorary CBE for "innovative service to the UK enterprise sector" in 2001.

Professor Alan Hughes

Professor Alan Hughes is Margaret Thatcher Professor of Enterprise Studies at the Judge Business School and Director of the Centre for Business Research (CBR), University of Cambridge. He was Director of the National Competitiveness Network of the Cambridge-MIT Institute from 2000-2003

Dr Sue Ion OBE FREng

Dr Sue Ion was Executive Director of Technology, British Nuclear Fuels plc from 1992 to 2006, responsible for the BNFL Group's Research & Technology activities. Dr Ion represents the UK on a number of international review and oversight bodies and is currently Vice President of the Royal Academy of Engineering.

Sir Paul Nurse FRS

Sir Paul Nurse is President of the Rockefeller University, New York. He was until recently Chief Executive of Cancer Research UK and has been a member of CST since 2000. Sir Paul currently Chairs the Scientific Advisory boards of the Pasteur Institut Paris and EMBL Heidelberg. He was joint winner of the 2001 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine.

Sir Keith Peters FRS AMS

Sir Keith Peters is Interim Director of the National Institute for Medical Research. He was previously President of the Academy of Medical

Sciences and is Emeritus Regius Professor of Physics at the University of Cambridge, where he was Head of the School of Clinical Medicine from 2002-2005.

Dr Krishnamurthy Rajagopal FREng

Dr Raj Rajagopal was Chief Executive of BOC Edwards and an Executive Director of the BOC Group plc. Dr Rajagopal chairs the Institute of Electrical Engineer's manufacturing sector panel.

Dr Philip Ruffles CBE , FRS, FREng

Dr Philip Ruffles was formerly Director Engineering and Technology, Rolls-Royce plc and is a member of the Science and Innovation Council of East Midlands Development Agency (EMDA). He has various academic connections, including chairing the Program Review Committee for the Cambridge-MIT Institute between 2004 and 2006. He currently chairs the Collaborative Training Account Management Board at Manchester University.

Professor Michael Sterling FREng

Professor Michael Sterling is Vice-Chancellor of the University of Birmingham and immediate past-chair of the Russell Group of research-intensive Universities. He was President of the Institution of Electrical Engineers during 2002/3.

Professor Kathy Sykes

Professor Kathy Sykes is Professor of Sciences and Society at Bristol University. She is a Trustee for the National Museum of Science and Industry and also for NESTA. Kathy regularly appears on radio and television, including the BBC's Rough Science series and Alternative Medicine – the evidence. Her PhD is in Physics.

Dr Mark Walport

Dr Mark Walport was appointed Director of the Wellcome Trust in June 2003. Before taking up the Directorship of the Trust he was head of the Division of Medicine at Imperial College London.

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